

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fuse comprising:
 - a fuse element including
 - a pair of flat plate terminal portions arranged in parallel,
 - a fusible portion provided between inner edges of said flat plate terminal portions; and
 - an insulating housing into which said fuse element is inserted so as to cover said inner edges and upper edges of
 - 10 said flat plate terminal portions and said fusible portion, said insulating housing including
 - a pair of housing bodies mutually connected at upper ends thereof so as to form a upper wall portion of said insulating housing,
 - 15 an slit opening formed at a lower end of said insulating housing, and
 - a flap which is integrally formed at one side edge of said slit opening through a thin-walled hinge so as to be rotatable;
 - 20 wherein a distal end edge of said flap is joined to another side edge of said slit opening.
 2. A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by welding.

3. A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by at least one locking pawl.

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4. A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by a pair of locking pawls.

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